



Uniformed Services University of the *Health Sciences*

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Fingertip Facts

Uniformed Services University (USU)

President: Charles L. Rice, M.D

Total Graduates (with year 2007 graduates)

Uniformed Services Physicians: 4,070

School of Medicine Graduate Programs: 1,013

Graduate Nursing Programs: 341

Operation & Maintenance Budget

\$97 million

Staff: 665 (509 civilian; 156 military)

Faculty: 329 on-campus (208 civilian; 121 military)

3999 off-campus (including Teaching Fellows)

F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

Dean: Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D.

CAPT, MC, USN (Ret.)

Total Medical Student Enrollment: 660

Each class averages 165 students from nearly all 50 states, and about 50 percent enter with prior military service, including those from the three military academies. Degree Conferred: *Doctor of Medicine*

Graduate Education

Associate Dean: Eleanor S. Metcalf, Ph.D.

Enrollment: 169

Degrees Conferred:

Doctor of Philosophy - 294

Doctor of Public Health - 17

Master of Science - 101

Master of Public Health - 539

Master of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene - 33

Master of Military Medical History - 4

Master of Science in Public Health - 22

Master of Comparative Medicine - 3

Graduate School of Nursing

(Acting) Dean: William T. Bester, RN, MSN, CNA, BC

BG, AN, USA (Ret.)

Enrollment: 142

Degrees Conferred:

Master of Science in Nursing - 338

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science - 3

Graduate Medical Education

National Capital Consortium

Total Trainees Enrolled: 700

Research

Vice President: Steven G. Kaminsky, Ph.D.

Current Projects: 324

Total Research Funding: \$91.9 million

Continuing Education for Health Care Professionals

Director: CAPT Jaime Luke, NC, USN

During FY 2005, USU held 1,605 activities in accredited continuing education for 21,800 healthcare professionals.

Established by Congress in 1972, matriculating in 1976 and graduating its first class in 1980, the university has a worldwide reputation as a center of excellence for military and public health professions education and research. Our programs are unique, related directly to force health protection, tropical diseases, disaster medicine, military and public health medical readiness and adaptation to extreme environments. USU prepares outstanding scientists and health care practitioners for careers in service to the nation.

School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing

The *F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine* has a year-round, four-year curriculum that is nearly 700 hours longer than found at other U.S. medical schools. These extra hours focus on epidemiology, health promotion, disease prevention, tropical medicine, leadership and field exercises, and other subjects that relate to the unique requirements of career-oriented military and public health physicians. Of the 4,070 physician alumni, more than 76 percent currently serve on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service.

Doctoral and masters degrees in the biomedical sciences and public health are awarded by interdisciplinary and department-based graduate programs within the School of Medicine. Program strengths include infectious disease, neuroscience, and preventive medicine research. A large number of graduates are military officers who serve the federal biomedical research enterprise.

The *Graduate School of Nursing* offers a Master of Science in Nursing degree in Nurse Anesthesia, Family Nurse Practitioner, Perioperative Clinical Nursing, and a full and part-time program for a Ph.D. degree in Nursing Science.

The university's continuing education program is unique and extensive, serving and sustaining the professional and readiness requirements of the Defense Department's worldwide military healthcare community through on-site and distance education.

Research

The university's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty conduct cutting edge research in the biomedical sciences and in areas specific to the DOD health care mission such as combat casualty care, infectious diseases and radiation biology. The university is committed to technology transfer to ensure that the results of research are made widely available and currently holds more than 289 patents or pending patents.

The Uniqueness of Military Medicine

The university specializes in military and public health medicine which is more than practicing medicine in the military or Public Health Service, and differs significantly from civilian medicine. Military/Public Health medicine focuses on keeping the people healthy and especially in the military, involves disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel who are integral to the operations they support. Military physicians must understand and treat syndromes and injuries that are often rare or unknown among non-military populations. Military medicine requires a solid background in tropical medicine and hygiene, parasitology, epidemiologic methods and preventive medicine. Knowledge in areas of military medical intelligence, the psychological stresses of combat and trauma, and the medical effects of extreme environments whether in tropical or desert conditions, aerospace or undersea, is essential to properly advising a military commander on how to best keep troops fit. For those in the Public Health Service, medical practice relies on much of the same expertise. In addition, the Public Health Service is growing its capacity to provide health interventions during and following natural disasters and benefits from the same training and knowledge base as the other uniformed services. Simply put, the focus is practicing "good medicine in bad places."

"Learning to care for those in harm's way."